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FROM ROGERS/SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR CG XA
SUBJ: PRESS STORY ON MEETINGS IN LONDON

1. AUG 26 ISSUE OF KINSHASA DAILY NEWSPAPER SALONGO CONTAINS ARTICLE ENTITLED "SECRET ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON" INCLUDING FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:
(A) "CONFIDENTIAL ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA -- RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA -- TOOK PLACE TUESDAY IN LONDON ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORIZED BRITISH SOURCE.
(B) "TWO ASSISTANTS OF DR. HENRY KISSINGER, WILLIAM SCHAUFELE, IN CHARGE OF AFRICAN AFFARIS, AND WILLIAM ROGERS, IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND, ON THE BRITISH SIDE, SIR ANTHONY DUFF, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, PARTICIPATED."

2. ELSEWHERE IN THE ARTICLE STATES "THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CHIEF OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, SHARED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IS TO PERSUADE SOUTH AFRICA TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE MORE RAPIDLY TO NAMIBIA INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL DEC 31, 1978, IT IS SAID AMONG AFRICAN SPECIALISTS IN LONDON."

3. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF WHETHER STORY COMES FROM WIRE SERVICE OR NOT BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT MAIN SOURCE WAS PROBABLY OFFICIAL. SUGGEST LONDON REMIND FOREIGN OFFICE ONCE AGAIN OF NECESSITY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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4. FOR LUSAKA: WHEN YOU SEE ROWLAND AND DUFF TOMORROW YOU SHOULD REGISTER OUR DISMAY AT ABOVE. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IN OUR STATEMENTS TO PRESS WE HAVE LIMITED OURSELVES TO DESCRIBING OUR MEETINGS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AS CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH COMMENCED WITH SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA.
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